

March 13, 2001

TO: Members of the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee

FROM: Mayor Skip Rimsza, Phoenix, Chairman

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Wednesday, March 21, 2001

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon in the Saguaro Room (Joint Meeting)

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. in the Mesquite Room (Executive Committee Meeting)

MAG Office, Suite 300

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A joint meeting of the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee and the Regional Council Transportation Subcommittee is scheduled for the time and place noted above. The purpose of the joint meeting is to have a discussion with the members of the Governor's Transportation Vision 21 Task Force. **Please note that the meeting start time has changed to 11:00 a.m.** It is anticipated that items three and four will be part of the joint meeting and then lunch will be served. The Executive Committee will continue after lunch with agenda items four through eight. If you have any questions, please contact me at (602) 262-7111 or James M. Bourey, MAG Executive Director, at (602) 254-6300.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

	<u>COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED</u>
1. <u>Call to Order</u>	
2. <u>Approval of February 20, 2001 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes</u>	2. Review and approve February 20, 2001 Executive Committee meeting minutes.
3. <u>Update on Chair's Efforts to Discuss the Need for Statewide Transportation Funding</u>	3. For information and discussion.
Recently, the Mayor of Flagstaff hosted a meeting of mayors and supervisors from north	

central and northwest Arizona. Approximately 20 elected officials were in attendance. Those in attendance identified large unmet transportation needs, including transit needs. The concept of a statewide sales tax was discussed. The Chair will report on the meeting.

4. Governor's Transportation Vision 21 Task Force Update

On February 28, 2001, the Regional Council opposed the Governor's Transportation Vision 21 Task Force Governance Committee draft recommendation to establish a transportation district for Maricopa County. The Regional Council motion also requested that the Executive Committee discuss the draft recommendations with the members of the Governor's Transportation Vision 21 Task Force. Members of the Governor's Task Force have been invited to the Executive Committee meeting to discuss the draft governance recommendations.

5. Draft 2002 Work Program and Annual Budget

In May, the Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget is presented to the Regional Council for approval. To receive early input into the budgeting process, staff will review the Draft Annual Budget with the members of the Executive Committee. The Work Program and Annual Budget is scheduled to be sent to the federal agencies in March for review at the Intermodal Planning Group meeting in April.

6. Update on MAG Participation in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Road Cuts Study

In February, the Regional Council approved MAG participating in a study sponsored by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the National Research Council Canada's Institute for Research in Construction. The purpose of the Study is to conduct a collaborative research and development project that will produce practical, cost-effective solutions to extend the

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6. Recommendation to have the Chairman of the Regional Council send a letter to the telecommunications companies requesting that a decision on a methodology await the completion of the road cuts study.

expected service life of urban roads that experience extensive road cuts. Staff will provide an update on the consultant study and a report will be made on SB 1561 Telecommunications Facilities: Political Subdivision Charges. This legislation would prescribe a methodology for calculating the cost of road cuts. The Executive Committee may want to consider recommending that it would be prudent to receive the results of the road cuts study before proceeding with this legislation.

7. Proposed MAG Name Change

At the January 12, 2001 Regional Council Retreat, the changing role of MAG was discussed. With the possibility of broadening the participation by other public sector and private sector entities and local governments outside of Maricopa County, it was suggested that we explore changing our name. Possible alternatives that reflect the changing nature of MAG will be discussed with the members of the Executive Committee.

8. Regional Review of Local Plans

At the January Regional Council Retreat, the regional review of local plans was discussed. This concept was further reviewed at the February Executive Committee meeting. The Executive Committee commented that the review should be for general plans and amendments and not on the project level. As a framework for this concept, staff has drafted a compact for the review of general plans and amendments, with an annual reporting function, similar to the Annual Report on the MAG Regional Freeway Program. It is envisioned that the plans and amendments would be commented on during the year and summarized on an annual basis. Please refer to the enclosed material.

7. For information and discussion.

8. For information, discussion and possible action.